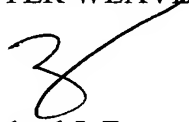


REMARKS

A number of issued claims included limitations that unnecessarily limited their respective scopes by claiming less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. Accordingly, new claims 12 – 43 broaden the scope of the issued claims without adding new subject matter.

Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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